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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAR ES SALAAM 0830

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, TZ, ET, SO, US, FT  
SUBJECT: TANZANIAN VIEWS OF NORTHEAST AFRICA

REF: STATE 34960 (NOTAL)

1. TO TANZANIA, SITUATION IN NORTHEAST AFRICA IS A PROBLEM  
AFFORDING FEW EASY CHOICES. TANZANIA WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE  
END OF FRENCH COLONIALISM IN DJIBOUTI, THE SUCCESS OF MILITANT  
SOCIALIST AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS, AVOIDANCE OF GREAT POWER INTER-  
FERENCE, AND PEACE IN THE AREA. THESE MULTIPLE AIMS ARE HARD  
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TO RECONCILE.

2. IN RESPONSE SPECIFIC POINTS RAISED PARA. 2 REFTTEL, WE WOULD  
EVALUATE TANZANIAN ATTITUDES AS FOLLOWS:

A. TANZANIA WOULD LIKE TO AVOID CHOOSING SIDES BETWEEN  
SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA -- EACH OF WHICH IT LIKES FOR ITS

REVOLUTIONARY ARDOR. NOR WOULD IT WISH CHOOSE BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND SUDAN. VICE PRESIDENT JUMBE VISITED MOGADISCIO AND ADDIS ABABA LAST WEEK, REPORTEDLY IN EFFORT ASSIST SOMALI-ETHIOPIAN RECONCILIATION.

B. WHILE TANZANIA HAS SOME SYMPATHY FOR ERITREAN DESIRES FOR AUTONOMY, IT DOES NOT WISH TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ETHIOPIA (OR OTHER AFRICAN STATES) TO BE DESTROYED. IT WILL NOT SUPPORT ERITREAN SECESSION.

C. TANZANIA WELCOMED REVOLUTIONARY REGIME IN ETHIOPIA, AND HOPES THAT ETHIOPIA WILL CONTINUE TO EVOLVE IN A MILITANTLY SOCIALIST FASHION. IT IS CONCERNED BY CONTINUED BLOODSHED, SCHISMS, ETC. INSIDE ETHIOPIA, BUT NOT TO EXTENT TO CHANGE ITS BASIC POLICY OF SUPPORT.

D. AS PART-CHRISTIAN, PART-MOSLEM NATION, TANZANIA AVOIDS INTERPRETING NORTHEAST AFRICAN SITUATION ON RELIGIOUS LINES. AT SAME TIME, TANZANIA HAS RESIDUAL HISTORIC DISTRUST OF ARABS, WHICH IT HAS SOUGHT TO OVERCOME BY FOSTERING AFRO-ARAB UNITY. ITS FAITH IN THIS UNITY HAS NOT BEEN HELPED BY OPEC'S FAILURE TO COMPENSATE AFRICA FOR INCREASES IN PETROLEUM COSTS.

E. WE DOUBT THAT TANZANIA WOULD SUPPORT A MOVE OF OAU HEADQUARTERS OUT OF ADDIS ABABA.

F. TANZANIA DOES NOT HAVE MUCH SYMPATHY FOR SOMALI TERRITORIAL CLAIMS TO DJIBOUTI OR ETHIOPIA, THOUGHT IT REMAINS CLOSE TO SIAD BARRE REGIME. IT WOULD BE VERY UNHAPPY ABOUT OVERT SOMALI

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AGGRESSION IN EITHER AREA.

G. TANZANIA HAS SHOWN INTEREST ABOUT CONTINUING US MILITARY AID TO ETHIOPIA, BUT HAS NOT EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT IT. TANZANIA DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT US SHOULD WITHHOLD ECONOMIC AID FROM AFRICAN COUNTRIES (INCLUDING TANZANIA) BECAUSE THEY OPPOSE US POLICIES OR HAVE SOCIALIST IDEOLOGIES; IT SEES ECONOMIC AID AS THE BIRTHRIGHT OF THE UNDERDEVELOPED NATIONS.

3. FOREGOING BASED ON DISCUSSIONS OF NORTHEAST AFRICAN QUESTIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS OVER A LONG PERIOD, AS WELL AS TANGOV OFFICIAL PRONOUNCEMENTS. TANZANIA'S VIEWS ON THE AREAS PROBLEMS ARE BASED PRIMARILY ON THEORETICAL PRINCIPLES AND HENCE LIKELY REMAIN RELATIVELY STABLE.

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